

[19 March, 2001]

RAJYA SABHA

Engineer (Civil & Electrical) to be filled on regular basis as per 1954 Recruitment Rules are as under:—

	Gen.	SC	ST	Total
Civil	71	56	34	161
Electrical	22	20	12	54

Increase in working days of rural poor

2508. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to increase the working days of the rural poor;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by Government to help the migrant labourers; and

(d) whether Government would provide any extra assistance to the agricultural working women to increase the additional employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PM's concern over the widening gap between rich and poor

2509. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Prime Minister has expressed his concern about the relative gap between the rich and the poor being widened and that the rate at which poverty is being eradicated has not kept pace with the rate at which rich are getting richer;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken so that more